

HONORING REVEREND PAM  
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**HON. LOIS FRANKEL**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 11, 2014*

Ms. FRANKEL of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor one of my constituents, Reverend Pam Cahoon, who has steadfastly fought against hunger and injustice her entire life. When Reverend Cahoon was in elementary school, she convinced her mother to pack extra lunches so her classmates could have something to eat.

Since that time, her impact on Palm Beach County has been extraordinary. As executive director of Christians Reaching Out to Society Ministries (CROS), an organization working to end hunger in our community, she managed to increase the budget by more than 50 times the amount available when she first joined CROS. Under her leadership, CROS has served more than 85,000 meals, given out more than 28,000 after-school snacks, and provided more than 16,000 lunches for students to take home to provide meals over the weekend. She will retire on February 20th

after spending 35 years as the Executive Director of CROS.

Additionally, Reverend Cahoon helped to bring Habitat for Humanity to our area and helped create the Palm Beach County food bank. She has also served on the Palm Beach County Council on Child Abuse and Neglect and served on the board of many other community organizations and coalitions.

Reverend Pam Cahoon is truly an exceptional woman. She received her Masters of Divinity from Emory University, and she has three children and four grandchildren. I am pleased to recognize the Reverend for all of her accomplishments and wish her good health and a peaceful retirement.

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RECOGNIZING GRACE MENG FOR  
RECEIVING THE 2013 CRITICAL  
LANGUAGE SCHOLARSHIP

**HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY**

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Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ms. Grace Meng, a resident of

Vienna, Virginia, who is a recipient of the 2013 Critical Language Scholarship.

The Critical Language Scholarship Program was established in 2006 by the Department of State as part of an effort to train American young people in languages that are critical to our nation's global interests. For three months, attendees are immersed in an intensive cultural environment that teaches a new language, new culture, and new sense of self. The CLS program is remarkably competitive; in 2013 nearly 4,000 students from around the country applied, but only 597 were accepted. Due to her impressive academic success, I am proud to say that Grace Meng was one of those chosen.

Participants in the Critical Language Scholarship Program do more than simply enrich their own appreciation of a foreign culture. Their deep understanding of these critical regions ensures that our nation has capable individuals that can work on issues vital to the interests of the United States. Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the service of Grace Meng, and in wishing her heartfelt congratulations on her achievements.